



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner proposed an examiner's amendment including the following changes:

- 1) In claims 45 and 66, create a step (a) reciting an apparatus comprising multiple intermeshing screws. The purpose of this amendment was to clarify the fact that the screws belong to the apparatus as a whole and not just to the first transport zone
- 2) In claims 45 and 66, substitute the limitation of co-rotating screws to a limitation of screws with flights that run parallel from screw to screw in the first transport zone. This change was meant to distinguish the claimed invention from Sugano, where the screws are able to co-rotate but where the flights run anti-parallel in the corresponding section.
- 3) In claim 66, further define the poorly soluble drug as being in a powder form. This change was meant to distinguish the claimed invention from the extrusion/granulation of viscous fluids.

After authorizing these changes, Applicant's representative further requested punctuation changes in the dependent claims to make the numbering of the steps consistent throughout the count. For example, all instances of step (e) were changed to step (f).